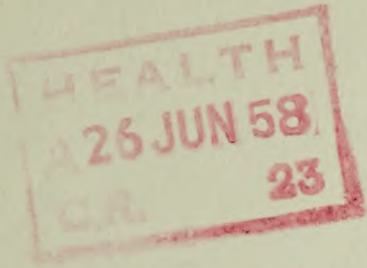


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REPORT

OF THE

'MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'

OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHILDON

FOR THE

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Clerical Assistant:

S. THOMPSON.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

YEAR ENDING, 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report upon the Vital Statistics and Sanitary Work of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION.

The Registrar General's figures for the Area at Mid 1957., show the resident population as 13,970., this being a decrease of 80 over the previous year and the first year that the population has fallen below 14,000.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Birth Rate per</u> <u>1,000 population.</u>
Legitimate.	110	109	219	16.39 Crude.
Illegitimate.	6	4	10	15.99 Corrected.
	<u>116</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>229</u>	

Comparability Factor: .97

Still Births.

Legitimate.	2	6	8	.57
Illegitimate.	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	

DEATH RATE.

Deaths in Shildon Area as per Returns
to the Medical Officer of Health.

130

Deaths outside Shildon Area

49

179

Age Groups of Deaths in Shildon.

<u>Under</u> <u>1 yr.</u>	<u>1/5</u>	<u>5/15</u>	<u>15/25</u>	<u>25/45</u>	<u>45/60</u>	<u>60/70</u>	<u>70/80</u>	<u>Over</u> <u>80</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	1	-	1	6	19	33	44	22	130

Age Groups of Deaths Outside the Area.

<u>Under</u> <u>1 yr.</u>	<u>1/5</u>	<u>5/15</u>	<u>15/25</u>	<u>25/45</u>	<u>45/60</u>	<u>60/70</u>	<u>70/80</u>	<u>Over</u> <u>80</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	-	1	3	8	5	13	9	6	49

DEATH RATE (Contd)

Causes of Death, 1957.	Male.	Female.
All Causes.	101	78
Tuberculosis. (Respiratory System)	-	-
Other Tubercular Diseases.	-	-
Syphilitic Disease.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Meningococcal Infections.	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
Measles.	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	4	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	5	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	8	3
Leukaemia, aloukaemia.	-	-
Diabetes.	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	9	23
Coronary Disease, angina.	23	13
Hypertension with heart disease.	4	7
Other heart disease.	7	3
Other circulatory disease.	5	6
Influenza.	2	1
Pneumonia.	3	3
Bronchitis.	10	1
Other disease of respiratory system.	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.	2	2
Hyperplasia of prostate.	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-
Congenital malformations.	3	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7	5
Motor vehicle accidents.	3	1
All other accidents.	4	-
Suicide.	-	2
Homicide and operations of war.	-	-
	101	78

DEATH RATE (Contd)

	M	F	Total	Doath Rate
Doaths.	101	78	179	12.81 per 1,000 population. 12.43 ,, ,, ,, Corrected
Under 1 year.	7	1	8	34.9 ,, ,, Live Births.
Still Births.	2	6	8	34.9 ,, ,, ,, ,,

The Death Rate for the Country (England and Wales) is 11.5 per 1,000 population.

The total number of Births in excess of Doaths during the year was 50, as against 71 for the previous year and 27 for 1955.

NOTE.

Births in excoss of Deaths:

1950	..	..	..	..	56 No.
1951	..	..	..	..	52 No.
1952	..	..	..	..	58 No.
1953	..	..	..	..	64 No.
1954	..	..	..	..	61 No.
1955	..	..	..	..	27 No.
1956	..	..	..	..	71 No.
1957	..	..	..	..	50 No.

Population Decreases since 1950-1951:

<u>1950-1951</u>	<u>1955</u>
14,740	14,160 580 No.
<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956</u>
14,160.	14,050. 110 No.
<u>1956.</u>	<u>1957.</u>
14,050.	13,970. 80 No.

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE.

The number of Deaths of children under the age of one year is 8, representing an Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births of 34.9 . Of these 8, only 4 occurred in Shildon, producing an Infantile Mortality Rate of 17.46 per 1,000 Live Births for the Shildon Area only.

The corresponding figure for England and Wales is 23.0 per 1,000 Live Births for the year ended 1957.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

	Death Rate per 1,000 pop'n	Inf. Mort. Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	Still Birth Rato per 1,000 pop'n.	Birth Rate per 1,000 pop'n	Live and Still Birth Rate por 1,000 population.
Country Average. (England & Wales)	11.5	23.0			22.4
Shildon.	12.81	34.9	.57	16.39	
Shildon Area. (Only)		17.46			

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Table of Cases as notified in the Whole District, set out in age groups. (Civilians only)

Infectious Diseases.	Under 1 yr.	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/10	10/15	15/20	20/35	35/45	45/61	61 and over	At all ages.
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	2	1	6	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	26
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2	4	3	13
Whooping Cough.	2	3	4	1	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Measles.	9	24	12	24	34	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	136
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	5
Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
1. <u>Males.</u>													
a) Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	6
b) Non-Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
2. <u>Females.</u>													
b) <u>Pulmonary.</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
b) Non-Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Paratyphoid Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Menigitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	11	27	18	26	43	58	4	2	6	3	9	4	211

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following cases remained on the register at the end of the year:

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Males.	68	19	87
Females.	<u>52</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>76</u>
	120	43	163

This shows an increase of 6 Pulmonary and 3 Non-Pulmonary Cases over the previous year.

The number of known Tuberculosis Cases in the District represents 1.16% of the population, a decrease of 0.8% over the previous year.

There were 9 Cases notified during the year in the following age groups:

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years.	-	-	-	-
5 - 10 ,,	-	-	-	1
10 - 15 ,,	-	-	-	-
15 - 20 ,,	-	1	-	-
20 - 25 ,,	-	-	-	-
25 - 30 ,,	1	-	-	-
30 - 35 ,,	1	-	-	1
35 - 40 ,,	1	-	-	-
40 - 45 ,,	-	-	-	-
45 - 50 ,,	-	-	-	-
50 - 55 ,,	-	-	-	-
55 - 60 ,,	2	-	-	-
60 - 65 ,,	-	-	-	-
65 - 70 ,,	-	-	-	-
	6	1	-	2

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

With the inception of the National Health Act, (3rd July, 1948) this became the responsibility of the Durham County Council.

During the year, the following children were immunised:

Aged - Under 5 yrs.	75 No.
5 - 15 , ,	5 No.
	80 No.
Received Boosters..	31 No.

Not a single case of Diphtheria was notified during the year. Parents are still encouraged to have their children immunised.

Poliomyelitis.

This is the responsibility of the Durham County Council and sessions have been held during the year when the following number of children received injections:

322 No. 2 injections.
91 No. 1 injection.

PARTICULARS OF DISTRICT.

Area. (in acres) including Eldon, Old Eldon, Middridge, Fylands and Brusselton.

4,828.
4,713.

No. of inhabited houses in the District,
of which 100 were constructed during the year, 52
Condemned and Demolition Orders served under Sections
11 and 16, of the Housing Acts, 1936 and 1957, 2
Closed under Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1936.,
(Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953,
and 2, which were in Clearance Areas, the tenants of
such houses Demolished and Closed, being re-housed by
this Council.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate.

£313.

Rateable Value.

£87,477.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The area has a piped supply of water provided by the Durham County Water Board.

An ample supply has been maintained throughout the area during this period and the public are again reminded of the necessity of conserving water at all times by being economic in its use. The supply is of excellent quality and regular bacteriological and chemical tests are carried out by the Durham County Water Board.

Refuse Collection.

The Urban Area is serviced by the Council and deals with some 4,713 houses, apart from the business premises and factories situated in the area. A weekly service is provided to these house and, with the progressive Clearance of properties in the out-lying districts, the number of Ash Closets decreases yearly. Trade Refuse is collected and charged for at the rate of 1s. 0d. per bin, and salvage in the form of Waste Paper and Metals is also collected.

Controlled Tipping has been introduced in Sunnydale as a result of the termination of contract for use of the Destructor as operated by the North Eastern Electricity Board. For this purpose, a 100 years lease was taken on the land, garages provided on the site and a small Bulldozer purchased for consolidating the refuse, covering it with soil. It is anticipated that this site will provide accommodation up to 100 years. Apart from this Tip, there are two uncontrolled Tips in the area which should be dis-continued in the near future and the whole of the Council refuse disposed of by Controlled Tipping.

Collection of Salvage.

This service has been continued along with the normal collection of household refuse in the area and during the year has provided a substantial contribution to the General Rate Fund.

<u>Description.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Waste Paper (all types)	58.	8.	438.	0.	0.
Scrap Metal.	24.	12.	400.	10.	9.
			<u>£838.</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>9.</u>

Householders are again asked to co-operate by placing clean, dry paper in separate bundles by the Ash Bins on the normal day of collection.

Drains and Sewerage.

The drains and sewers continue to work in a satisfactory manner and the Sewage Works gives excellent results.

Rodent Control.

Two complete Sewer Treatments were carried out during March and October/November, 1957., the results of which were satisfactory. In addition, private businesses and dwelling houses were also treated as and where necessary - a charge being made to properties other than dwelling house property -.

A full time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council for the purpose of carrying out this work.

The public are still requested to report promptly, Rat Infestation to the Council Offices on becoming aware of rats and mice on their premises.

<u>No. of premises visited.</u>	<u>No. of baits laid.</u>
612	3,826.

The number of visits made during the year on Rat Infested premises during which Treatment was carried out being 3,859.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA (Contd)

SUMMARY OF NOTICES AND WORK DONE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR ENDED 1957.

1. New Houses completed during the year.

	With State Assistance	Unaided.	Total.
a) By Local Authority.	100	-	100
b) By any other Housing Authority.	-	-	-
c) By private persons.	-	5	5
	100	5	105

2. Closing and Demolition of Houses.

a) Formal Action.

- i) No. of houses demolished during the year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action. .. 58 No.
- ii) No. of houses Closed but not demolished as a result of formal action. .. 56 No.
- iii) No. of houses in Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses, demolition of which temporarily postponed. .. 12 No.
- iv) No. of houses in use as temporary accommodation. (Housing, Repairs and Rents Act, 1954. Part 1.) .. 1 No.

b) Informal Action.

- i) No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above .. 1 No.

3. Reconditioned and Repair.

No. of houses made fit during the year by procedure under Housing Acts, (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts:

- a) As a result of informal action. .. 15 No.
- b) By owners as a result of Statutory Notice. .. 15 No.
- c) By Local Authority in default of owners. .. -

4. General Summary.

a)

	No. of Inspections.	No. of INFORMAL Notices served	No. of STATUTORY Notices served.	Defects Remedied after Notico.	Legal Proceedings and General Remarks.
<u>Housing:</u>					
Public Health and Housing Acts:	715	32	131	163	
Overcrowding.	31	11	-	11	
<u>Sanitary Conveniences:</u>					
a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	
b) Defective.	-	-	-	-	
Drainage.	13	2	1	2	
Water Supply.	4	1	-	-	
Food Premises.	218	8	3	11	
Shops Act.	-	-	-	-	
Dairies.	-	-	-	-	
<u>Slaughter Houses:</u>					
a) Public.	-	-	-	-	
b) Private.	250	4	-	4	
Tents, Vans etc.	2	1	-	-	
Offensive Trades.	-	-	-	-	
Factories & Workplaces.	32	6	-	6	
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles.	-	-	-	-	
Offensive Accumulations.	-	-	-	-	
Smoke Nuisances.	-	-	-	-	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.	1,378	2	-	2	
Keeping of Animals.	-	-	-	-	
	2,543	67	135	199	

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA ..(Contd)

4.

b) Water, Food and Drugs.

Samples of water taken for Analysis (water samples are taken by the Durham County Water Board) .. -
Seizures of Unwholesome Food (Voluntarily surrendered) .. 74
Samples of Food and Drugs taken for Analysis or found to be adulterated. .. -
No isolated samples were taken by this Council as this is the function of the Durham County Council.
No cases of food adulteration were reported to this Council.

c) Precautions against Infectious Disease.

Lots of Infectious Bedding Stoved or Destroyed. .. 5
Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease. .. 26

d) General.

Number of new houses Erected during the year. .. 100
Number of such houses Occupied during the year. .. 100
Total number of Water Closets in District. .. 4,376
Total number of Ash-pit privies in District. .. 303

PRIVY CONVERSION.

A scheme has been introduced by the Council for a Grant of £10s.0d.0d., per privy conversion approved by the Council. The areas affected are principally those in Eldon, Brussolton and Middridge and, as applications for such Grant are dealt with in strict rotation, they should be made well in advance of any work of this nature being carried out.

MILK RETAILERS.

There are eight (8) Retail Purveyors in the District who are supplying either Pastourised or Tuberculin Tested (Pastourised) Milk. Frequent samples have been taken by the Inspector of Weights and Measures and also by the Durham War Agricultural Executive Committee's representative and all were found to be satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS (MEAT)

There are six (6) Licenced Slaughter Houses in the area, four of which are being used regularly for the purpose of slaughtering animals for human consumption.

	<u>No. of animals slaughtered.</u>	<u>No. of carcasses with offal, inspected by Local Authority's officers.</u>
Cattle.	374	190
Sheep.	472	156
Pigs.	352	120
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>466</u>

Owing to the times of slaughtering which are generally held during evening hours during the week or on Sundays, inspection cannot be carried out on a 100% basis.

FOOD SHOPS IN GENERAL.

Regular visits are paid to food shops in the area and it is pleasing to note modernisation and improvements which have been carried out at some of these. However, there are many cases in which adequate control of fly infestation in shops is not maintained, especially during warm weather periods and adequate protection to the foodstuffs so exposed should be maintained at all times.

HOUSING.

a) The Council's Pre-War and Post-War Housing Programmes are summarised as follows:

1919 Act:	126 houses erected.
1930-1935 Act: (Slum Clearance-Overcrowding)	100 " "
Post-War Temporary Housing.	43 " "
Post-War Permanent Housing.	618 " "
Post-War Aged Persons Bungalows.	60 erected.
Post-War Flats.	32 " "

HOUSING.

b) Re-Housing.

During the year, 106 houses were let to the following groups in accordance with the Council's Allocation of houses Scheme:

Points.	57.
Individual and Unfit Houses.	46.
Medical Cases.	1.
Key Workers.	1.
Eviction Cases.	1.
Total	106.

c) During the year, the number of dwellings built by the Council was 100, of which 15 were Bungalows and 4 Flats. The Council have endeavoured to maintain their building rate in the face of rising loan costs. Of these built, approximately 50% were let to those living in Clearance type property.

The following areas were outstanding for Clearance at the commencement of the year, namely:

Strand Street.	Richmond Street.	Fylands.
Halls Row.Eldon.	West Row. Eldon.	

During the year, all properties affected in Richmond Street were demolished and part of Strand Street completed.

Difficuly is being experienced in obtaining the services of bona-fida Demolition Contra ctors to clear the sites where owners fail to carry out the necessary demolition. However, it is anticipated that Contract for this type of work will be carried out in the year 1958, on behalf of the Council.

The 5 Year Clearance Programme progresses well and it is hoped to deal with the Market Place Area with a view to re-development.

The allocation of Council Houses is still made on the following grounds:

- a) Clearance.
- b) Points List.

together with special Medical Cases and a special provision being made to re-house old people in Bungalows within the town itself.

The number of applicants remaining on the Housing and Bungalow List at 31st December, 1957, were as follows:

<u>Applicants.</u>	<u>Type.</u>
116 No.	Bungalows.
130 No.	Two bedroom type houses.
36 No.	Three ,, ,, ,,

d) Rent Act, 1957.

The following is a summary of applications received for Certificatos of Disrepair in accordance with the provisions of the above Act:

Certificates of Disrepair issued by the Urban District Council under the above Act, since the date of operation, 6th July, 1957, to the 31st December, 1957.

Part I - Applications for Certificate of Disrepair.

a)No. of applications for Certificates.	.. ..	60
b)No. of decisions not to issue Certificates.	.. ..	-
c)No. of decisions to issue Certificates:	.. ..	98
i)in respect of some but not all defects.	.. ..	28
ii)in respect of all defects.	.. ..	-
d)No. of undertakings given by landlords under para. 5. of the 1st Schedule.	.. ..	10
e)No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to para. 5 of the 1st Schedule.	.. ..	-
f)No. of Certificates issued.	.. ..	15

Rent Act, 1957.....Contd.....

Part II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates.

- | | | |
|---|-------|---|
| g) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates. | .. .. | - |
| h) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates. | .. .. | - |
| i) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection. | .. .. | - |
| j) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority. | .. .. | - |

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Regular visits are paid to those Factories situate within the Urban District to ensure that they comply with the requirements of this Act, and the Regulations as to the Means of Escape in the event of Fire. Close liaison is maintained with H.M. Inspector of Factories in this latter respect.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. V. ANDERSON.

Medical Officer of Health
Urban District Council of Shildon

